

## Hats Off to Police Department



Your Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD) has been recognized with a prestigious award and one important designation. The department has also been busy securing grants that will assist in keeping the City safe and sound. Here are some of the most recent activities that help CVPD protect you.

The department was recently awarded the prestigious Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem Oriented Policing for its Chula Vista Motel Project which has reduced crime at city motels nearly 70% and calls for service by 50%. The project involved six City departments, the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce and city motel operators. This year, the CVPD was the only police department in the United States to reach the final stage of competition for this award.

The Forensic Crime Laboratory has received accreditation

by the distinguished American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. This provides greater credibility in court cases as the lab must continually adhere to the highest standards to maintain its standing with ASCLD. The CVPD is one of only four agencies in the County to have earned this designation.

To combat DUI deaths and injuries, the department was awarded a year-long anti-DUI program grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. Activities will include DUI/driver's license checkpoints, saturation patrols and court stings targeting DUI offenders with suspended or revoked driver's licenses.

Another grant from the Traffic Safety office will allow CVPD to conduct two special Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operations. Motorcycle fatalities in California have increased 175 percent statewide. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists to crack down on traffic violations.

## Holiday Recycling Tips

**Trim Your Holiday "Waste"line:** Send online "e-greeting" cards. Instead of wrapping gifts for the kids, hide the presents and have a treasure hunt! Tie a bow around oversized items instead of wrapping them. Bring your own bag when doing your holiday shopping. Recycle all cardboard boxes, plain wrapping paper (not metallic papers), and tissue paper.



**Holiday Tree Recycling:** Prepare your tree for recycling by removing all ornaments, tinsel, garland and stands. Cut the tree into four-foot sections or less and place at the curb. NOTE: Plastic trees are NOT recyclable and need to go in your trash cart.

**Don't Be a Turkey:** Recycle your cooking oil! Place used oil in a bottle or a container with a watertight lid and call Allied Waste Services at (619) 421-9400, or take your oil to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 1800 Maxwell Road.



## Housing Improvement Program

Are you a Chula Vista homeowner in need of home repairs and do not have the funds to make them? You may be eligible for a deferred or low-interest home improvement loan for health and safety related repairs through the City's Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)

Mobilehomes are eligible for up to \$15,000 (a portion of which may be forgivable) and single family residences up to \$24,999.

Applicants must be occupying a Chula Vista residence for at least one year and meet income restrictions.

For full program guidelines, visit [www.chula-vista.ca.us/cvrh](http://www.chula-vista.ca.us/cvrh) or contact the CHIP hotline by phone at (619) 585-5600, and select Option 3.

## Happening this month:



**Forecast: Snow in Chula Vista**  
Celebrate the wonder of the holiday season December 1-24 at Village Walk at Eastlake, located at the intersection of Eastlake Parkway and Miller Drive. The outdoor shopping village will be transformed into a giant snow globe, showcasing a magical snowfall choreographed with music and lights. This unique experience takes place in the courtyard near the koi pond twice each evening at 6 and 7 p.m. Come share this beautiful holiday tradition with friends and family and view Chula Vista as you've never seen it before.

### Christmas Circle

A long-standing holiday tradition in the community – Christmas Circle opens on Dec. 12 through 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. Walk or drive through this enchanting neighborhood decorated with displays of sparkling lights and festive ornaments. It's located on Whitney and Mankato between First and Second Avenues, south of H Street.

### Winter Camps

Several special camps are offered by the Chula Vista Recreation Department this winter for children while on break from school. Parkway Community will feature camps for kids ages 3-17 in basketball or tumbling in December and art, archery and another basketball camp in January. Monteville has a skating camp for children ages 6-12. To register, or to obtain more information, please visit [www.chulavistaca.gov](http://www.chulavistaca.gov) and click on Recreation.



## Did You Know...

LED lights are brighter, cooler and cheaper to use! The LED holiday light display at the Chula Vista Civic Center features 250 light strands totaling over 10,000 lights and is fully funded through the City's partnership with SDG&E and the California Public Utilities Commission. In addition, the City received a donation from Lowe's Home Improvement - Eastlake to cover the energy costs (estimated at \$55) for the five-week display.

For the past 24 years, Chula Vista Cares has given out hundreds of toys to local social service agencies. Chula Vista Cares is a local volunteer program established in 1984 by City employees. Toys have gone to local non-profit agencies such as Chula Vista Police Activities League (PAL), South Bay Community Services, the Salvation Army, and many others. For more information on how to donate, please contact Norma Rodriguez at (619) 397-6037.

## Contacts

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**Animal Care Facility**  
Animal Control 691-5123  
Adoptions/Fostering 476-2480  
Volunteering 691-5000  
Online ACF [CLICK HERE](#)

**City Clerk**  
Main Line 691-5041  
Passport Appointment 409-1949  
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**City Manager/Administration**  
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**Code Enforcement** 691-5280

**Conservation** 409-3893

**Developmental Services**  
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Building 691-5272  
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Small Business Services 409-5888  
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**Finance**  
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Business Lic. Online [CLICK HERE](#)

**Fire**  
Emergency 911  
Main Line 691-5055  
Prevention Division 691-5029  
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**Human Resources**  
Main Line 691-5096  
Job Hotline 691-5095  
Volunteering 409-5924

**Library**  
Civic Center Branch 691-5069  
South Branch 585-5755  
Eastlake Branch 397-3980  
Volunteering 691-5000  
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**Mayor & City Council** 691-5044

**Nature Center** 409-5900  
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**Police**  
Emergency 911  
Report Crime/Dispatch 691-5151  
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**Public Works**  
CLEAN Business Program 691-5122  
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Graffiti Hotline 691-5198  
Graffiti Program Online [CLICK HERE](#)  
Graffiti IN PROGRESS 911  
Household Hazard. Waste 691-5122  
Park Reservations 397-6197  
Reservations Online [CLICK HERE](#)  
Storm Water Hotline 397-6000  
Recycling/Solid Waste 691-5122  
Service Requests 397-6000  
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**Recreation**  
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CV Woman's Club 691-5083  
Heritage Center 421-7032  
Loma Verde Center 691-5082  
Loma Verde Pool 691-5081  
Monteville Center 691-5269  
Norman Park Center 691-5086  
Otay Center 476-5325  
Parkway Center 691-5083  
Parkway Pool 691-5088  
Parkway Gym 691-5084  
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